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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

To:

Members

Joint Committee on Finance

From:

Senator Mark Miller

Representative Mark Pocan

Date:

September 3, 2010

Re:

DHS Report on Management of Milwaukee County Income

Maintenance Programs

Attached is a copy of a report from the Department of Health Services (DHS) documenting its management of the Milwaukee County income maintenance programs, pursuant to Section 9122(5x) of 2009 Act 28 (the 2009 biennial budget act).

Act 28 requires DHS to provide the Joint Committee on Finance copies of all reports which document its management of the Milwaukee County income maintenance programs, including all monthly Milwaukee County Enrollment Services reports, that the Department is required to provide to the plaintiffs in the litigation against agency officials and others, known as West v. Timberlake, under a settlement agreement entered into on April 16, 2009.

The report is being provided for your information only. No formal action is required by the Committee. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Jim Doyle Governor

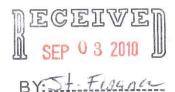
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September 1, 2010

Senator Mark Miller, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance Room 317 East State Capitol Madison WI 53702

Representative Mark Pocan, Co-Chair Joint Committee on Finance Room 309 East State Capitol Madison WI 53703

Dear Senator Miller and Representative Pocan:

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Section 9122(5x) of 2009 Act 28 requires the Department of Health Services to provide the Joint Committee on Finance copies of all reports documenting its management of the Milwaukee County income maintenance programs that the Department is required to provide to the plaintiffs in the litigation known as *West v. Timberlake*, under a settlement agreement entered into on April 16, 2009.

Attached is the ninth report provided to plaintiffs, which was transmitted on August 31, 2010. Please contact me at 266-9622 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Welsh

Chief Legal Counsel



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August 31, 2010

Ms. Anne L. DeLeo Nelson, Irvings & Waeffler, S.C. 2675 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 420 Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0140

> Re: West et al. v. Timberlake, et al. Case No. 08-CV-670 (E.D. Wisc)

Dear Attorney DeLeo,

Attached please find the State Defendant's monthly report for performance of the Milwaukee Enrollment Services Center for July, 2010, as set forth in Section III.B. of the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced case.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Welsh

Chief Legal Counsel

Diane Mwelsh

CC: Karen Timberlake, Secretary
Kenneth Munson, Deputy Secretary
Jason Helgerson, Division Administrator
James Jones, Deputy Division Administrator
Edward Kamin, Milwaukee Enrollment Services
Steve Kilpatrick, Department of Justice

Milwaukee County Enrollment Services Report

July 2010 (as of 7/31/2010)

		D	etails
Report	Criteria	Count	Percentage
Programs Open for and Confirmed	BadgerCare Plus Only	15,135	13.72%
	Medicaid EBD Only	12,693	11.51%
	Medicaid Other Only	1,975	1.79%
	BadgerCare Plus and FoodShare	45,601	41.34%
	Medicaid EBD, LTC and FoodShare	8,790	7.97%
	Medicaid Other and FoodShare	4,031	3.65%
	FoodShare	22,092	20.03%
	Total Cases	110,317	20.0376
Timeliness	Applications Processed in Month	5,263	
	Applications Processed Timely	4,516	85.81%
	Applications Processed Untimely	747	14.19%
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	Reviews Processed in Month	8,335	
	Reviews Processed Timely	8,006	96.05%
	Reviews Processed Untimely	329	3,95%
	SMRFs Processed in Month:	3,920	
	Received by the 5 th day of the Month	2,011	
	Processed Timely	1,928	95.87%
	Processed Untimely	83	4.13%
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	Received after 5th day but within the Month	1,909	
	Processed Timely	1,474	77.21%
	Processed Untimely	435	22.79%
	Number of Cases Pending Due to Verification ^a	6,701	
	% of verification documents requested as a result		
	of a reported change that are timely processed	100.00%	
Churning	Number of Cases Closed in Last 60 Days and		
	Reopened This Month	582	11.06%
Cullui	Total Phone Calls Milwaukee Change/Call Center	37,801	
	Percentage Answered ^b	86.00%	
	Average Hold Time	20 minutes	

This represents the total number of cases in which verification was requested from an individual and are still pending at the end of the month, whether or not the individual has provided the verification. The verification could have been requested for any ongoing case and could be for a review, SMRF, or reported change.

In the percentage unanswered (approximately 14%) are any calls where the individual hung up. These may be calls where the individual received the information they needed from the messaging or did not want to wait until they could reach a worker. It is not currently possible to identify the reason that a person hung up.